

**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended the specification as indicated herein. The above-identified patent application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, attached as Appendix A is a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Appendix A

### Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

Please amend the above identified patent application as indicated below:

In The Specification:

Please add the following sentence beginning at page 1, line 3 as the first sentence following the title:

--This invention was made with Government support from the National Science Foundation (NSF) under Grant No. DMI-9712520. The Government has certain rights in the invention.--